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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT – CHILD FATALITY INVESTIGATION (Board
Agenda Item 4, August 18, 2009)**

At the August 18, 2009 meeting, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller's (A-C) Office of County Investigations, in coordination with the District Attorney and the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, to conduct an independent special investigation into the deaths of Dae'von Bailey, Jasmine Granados and Lars Sanchez.

We have conducted numerous interviews and are in the process of reviewing additional documents provided by the Department of Children and Family Services. We expect to issue our report to your Board by February 1, 2010.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Judi E. Thomas at (213) 974-0729.

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